



March 7, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Expression of Interest – Rural CAF Experiment Program, Docket No. 10-90

Dear Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Staff,

Belmont Telephone Company (“BTC”) would like to submit this non-binding expression of interest in the rural broadband trial in Docket No. 10-90. BTC is very interested in participating in the Rural CAF Experiment Program.

Background: BTC is an Eligible Telephone Company (“ETC”) serving approximately 915 residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial customers in rural Wisconsin. BTC currently provides an array of telecommunications products and services, including local telephone service, high-speed internet, long distance and business solutions. Our broadband offering includes some portions of our territory that are underserved when considering the broadband needs of our residential, business, and anchor institution’s needs. Our customers are requesting robust, reliable and affordable broadband services. We are fully committed to a fiber solution. Our company is ready to step up and provide our customers with this essential service to positively impact our customer’s lives and businesses.

Geographic Territory: BTC is proposing to serve the majority of our service area located in the following census blocks with Fiber-to-the-Home (“FTTH”):

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List of Anchor Institutions:

Schools: Belmont Community School District

Libraries: John Turgeson Public Library

Government Centers: Village of Belmont

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Proposed technology: We are planning on offering FTTH services. Our offerings will include voice and high-speed broadband services. Our initial speed offerings will include 10 Mbps, 20 Mbps, 50 Mbps, and 100 Mbps, as well as lower speeds if requested by the customers. We do have plans to offer Gigabit services to our customers. Anchor institutions will be offered the ability to receive Gigabit connections. These service offerings will be priced according to the tiers of service on a monthly fee based on our tariff.

State and/or Local or Tribal Government Participation in and/or Support for Project: The project leverages the utility's rights of way and infrastructure, which reduces costs and accelerates deployment.

Existing Providers: We currently offer 3(Mbps down)/.5 (Mbps up), 12/1 and 20/2 for residential service. Business offerings are 4/1, 8/1 and 20/2. We are concerned that this may be insufficient for today's needs and for future applications. In addition, we want to provide anchor institutions with the needed bandwidth at prices that are competitive and affordable.

Project Timeline:

BTC is just beginning to explore offering FTTH broadband services to this section of its territory.

Total Company Investment: This is still being developed.

One Time Capital Infrastructure Investment Needed: This is still being developed.

Total Project Cost: This is still being developed.

Belmont Telephone Company, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest and potentially participate in this program.

Sincerely,
Ms. Deb Egli
General Manager